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NO CHANGE IN INTEREST RATES FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2003

WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service today announced that interest rates for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2003, will remain the same as the first quarter of the year. The interest rates are as follows:

- five (5) percent for overpayments [four (4) percent in the case of a corporation];
- five (5) percent for underpayments;
- seven (7) percent for large corporate underpayments; and
- two and one-half (2.5) percent for the portion of a corporate overpayment exceeding \$10,000.

Under the Internal Revenue Code, the rate of interest is determined on a quarterly basis. For taxpayers other than corporations, the overpayment and underpayment rate is the federal short-term rate plus 3 percentage points. Generally, in the case of a corporation, the underpayment rate is the federal short-term rate plus 3 percentage points and the overpayment rate is the federal short-term rate plus 2 percentage points. The rate for large corporate underpayments is the federal short-term rate plus 5 percentage points. The rate on the portion of a corporate overpayment of tax exceeding \$10,000 for a taxable period is the federal short-term rate plus one-half (0.5) of a percentage point.

The interest rates announced today are computed from the federal short-term rate based on daily compounding determined during January 2003.

Rev. Rul. 2003-30, announcing the new rates of interest, is attached and will appear in Internal Revenue Bulletin No. 2002-13, dated March 31, 2003.

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Part I

Section 6621.-- Determination of Interest Rate

26 CFR 301.6621-1: Interest rate.

Rev. Rul. 2003-30

Section 6621 of the Internal Revenue Code establishes the rates for interest on tax overpayments and tax underpayments. Under section 6621(a)(1), the overpayment rate beginning April 1, 2003, is the sum of the federal short-term rate plus 3 percentage points (2 percentage points in the case of a corporation), except the rate for the portion of a corporate overpayment of tax exceeding \$10,000 for a taxable period is the sum of the federal short-term rate plus 0.5 of a percentage point for interest computations made after December 31, 1994. Under section 6621(a)(2), the underpayment rate is the sum of the federal short-term rate plus 3 percentage points.

Section 6621(c) provides that for purposes of interest payable under section 6601 on any large corporate underpayment, the underpayment rate under section 6621(a)(2) is determined by substituting "5 percentage points" for "3 percentage points." See section 6621(c) and section 301.6621-3 of the Regulations on Procedure and Administration for the definition of a large corporate underpayment and for the rules for determining the applicable date. Section 6621(c) and section 301.6621-3 are generally effective for periods after December 31, 1990.

Section 6621(b)(1) provides that the Secretary will determine the federal short-term rate for the first month in each calendar quarter.

Section 6621(b)(2)(A) provides that the federal short-term rate determined under section 6621(b)(1) for any month applies during the first calendar quarter beginning after such month.

Section 6621(b)(2)(B) provides that in determining the addition to tax under section 6654 for failure to pay estimated tax for any taxable year, the federal short-term rate that applies during the third month following such taxable year also applies during the first 15 days of the fourth month following such taxable year.

Section 6621(b)(3) provides that the federal short-term rate for any month is the federal short-term rate determined during such month by the Secretary in accordance with section 1274(d), rounded to the nearest full percent (or, if a multiple of 1/2 of 1 percent, the rate is increased to the next highest full percent).

Notice 88-59, 1988-1 C.B. 546, announced that, in determining the quarterly interest rates to be used for overpayments and underpayments of tax under section 6621, the Internal Revenue Service will use the federal short-term rate based on daily compounding because that rate is most

consistent with section 6621 which, pursuant to section 6622, is subject to daily compounding.

Rounded to the nearest full percent, the federal short-term rate based on daily compounding determined during the month of January 2003 is 2 percent. Accordingly, an overpayment rate of 5 percent (4 percent in the case of a corporation) and an underpayment rate of 5 percent are established for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2003. The overpayment rate for the portion of a corporate overpayment exceeding \$10,000 for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2003, is 2.5 percent. The underpayment rate for large corporate underpayments for the calendar quarter beginning April 1, 2003, is 7 percent. These rates apply to amounts bearing interest during that calendar quarter.

The 5 percent rate also applies to estimated tax underpayments for the first calendar quarter in 2003 and for the first 15 days in April 2003.

Interest factors for daily compound interest for annual rates of 2.5 percent, 4 percent, 5 percent, and 7 percent are published in Tables 10, 13, 15, and 19 of Rev. Proc. 95-17, 1995-1 C.B. 556, 564, 567, 569, and 573.

Annual interest rates to be compounded daily pursuant to § 6622 that apply for prior periods are set forth in the tables accompanying this revenue ruling.

DRAFTING INFORMATION

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TABLE OF INTEREST RATES

PERIODS BEFORE JUL. 1, 1975 - PERIODS ENDING DEC. 31,
1986

OVERPAYMENTS AND UNDERPAYMENTS

PERIOD	RATE	In 1995-1 C.B. DAILY RATE
TABLE		

Before Jul. 1, 1975	6%	Table 2,	pg.
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Jul. 1, 1975--Jan. 31, 1976	9%	Table 4,	pg.
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Feb. 1, 1976--Jan. 31, 1978	7%	Table 3,	pg.
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Feb. 1, 1978--Jan. 31, 1980	6%	Table 2,	pg.
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Feb. 1, 1980--Jan. 31, 1982	12%	Table 5,	pg.
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Feb. 1, 1982--Dec. 31, 1982	20%	Table 6,	pg.
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Jan. 1, 1983--Jun. 30, 1983	16%	Table 37,	pg.
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Jul. 1, 1983--Dec. 31, 1983	11%	Table 27,	pg.
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Jan. 1, 1984--Jun. 30, 1984	11%	Table 75,	pg.
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Jul. 1, 1984--Dec. 31, 1984	11%	Table 75,	pg.
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Jan. 1, 1985--Jun. 30, 1985	13%	Table 31,	pg.
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Jul. 1, 1985--Dec. 31, 1985	11%	Table 27,	pg.
581			
Jan. 1, 1986--Jun. 30, 1986	10%	Table 25,	pg.
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Jul. 1, 1986--Dec. 31, 1986	9%	Table 23,	pg.
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FROM JAN. 1, 1987 - DEC. 31, 1998

UNDERPAYMENTS	OVERPAYMENTS			RATE
	1995-1 C.B.	RATE TABLE	PG	
1995-1 C.B.				
TABLE PG				
Jan. 1, 1987--Mar. 31, 1987	8%	21	575	9% 23 57
Apr. 1, 1987--Jun. 30, 1987	8%	21	575	9% 23 57
Jul. 1, 1987--Sep. 30, 1987	8%	21	575	9% 23 57
Oct. 1, 1987--Dec. 31, 1987	9%	23	577	10% 25 57

Jan. 1, 1988--Mar. 31, 1988	10%	73	627	11%	75	62
Apr. 1, 1988--Jun. 30, 1988	9%	71	625	10%	73	62
Jul. 1, 1988--Sep. 30, 1988	9%	71	625	10%	73	62
Oct. 1, 1988--Dec. 31, 1988	10%	73	627	11%	75	62
Jan. 1, 1989--Mar. 31, 1989	10%	25	579	11%	27	58
Apr. 1, 1989--Jun. 30, 1989	11%	27	581	12%	29	58
Jul. 1, 1989--Sep. 30, 1989	11%	27	581	12%	29	58
Oct. 1, 1989--Dec. 31, 1989	10%	25	579	11%	27	58
Jan. 1, 1990--Mar. 31, 1990	10%	25	579	11%	27	58
Apr. 1, 1990--Jun. 30, 1990	10%	25	579	11%	27	58
Jul. 1, 1990--Sep. 30, 1990	10%	25	579	11%	27	58
Oct. 1, 1990--Dec. 31, 1990	10%	25	579	11%	27	58
Jan. 1, 1991--Mar. 31, 1991	10%	25	579	11%	27	58
Apr. 1, 1991--Jun. 30, 1991	9%	23	577	10%	25	57
Jul. 1, 1991--Sep. 30, 1991	9%	23	577	10%	25	57
Oct. 1, 1991--Dec. 31, 1991	9%	23	577	10%	25	57
Jan. 1, 1992--Mar. 31, 1992	8%	69	623	9%	71	62
Apr. 1, 1992--Jun. 30, 1992	7%	67	621	8%	69	62
Jul. 1, 1992--Sep. 30, 1992	7%	67	621	8%	69	62
Oct. 1, 1992--Dec. 31, 1992	6%	65	619	7%	67	62
Jan. 1, 1993--Mar. 31, 1993	6%	17	571	7%	19	57
Apr. 1, 1993--Jun. 30, 1993	6%	17	571	7%	19	57
Jul. 1, 1993--Sep. 30, 1993	6%	17	571	7%	19	57
Oct. 1, 1993--Dec. 31, 1993	6%	17	571	7%	19	57
Jan. 1, 1994--Mar. 31, 1994	6%	17	571	7%	19	57
Apr. 1, 1994--Jun. 30, 1994	6%	17	571	7%	19	57
Jul. 1, 1994--Sep. 30, 1994	7%	19	573	8%	21	57
Oct. 1, 1994--Dec. 31, 1994	8%	21	575	9%	23	57
Jan. 1, 1995--Mar. 31, 1995	8%	21	575	9%	23	57
Apr. 1, 1995--Jun. 30, 1995	9%	23	577	10%	25	57
Jul. 1, 1995--Sep. 30, 1995	8%	21	575	9%	23	57
Oct. 1, 1995--Dec. 31, 1995	8%	21	575	9%	23	57
Jan. 1, 1996--Mar. 31, 1996	8%	69	623	9%	71	62
Apr. 1, 1996--Jun. 30, 1996	7%	67	621	8%	69	62
Jul. 1, 1996--Sep. 30, 1996	8%	69	623	9%	71	62
Oct. 1, 1996--Dec. 31, 1996	8%	69	623	9%	71	62
Jan. 1, 1997--Mar. 31, 1997	8%	21	575	9%	23	57
Apr. 1, 1997--Jun. 30, 1997	8%	21	575	9%	23	57
Jul. 1, 1997--Sep. 30, 1997	8%	21	575	9%	23	57
Oct. 1, 1997--Dec. 31, 1997	8%	21	575	9%	23	57
Jan. 1, 1998--Mar. 31, 1998	8%	21	575	9%	23	57
Apr. 1, 1998--Jun. 30, 1998	7%	19	573	8%	21	57
Jul. 1, 1998--Sep. 30, 1998	7%	19	573	8%	21	57
Oct. 1, 1998--Dec. 31, 1998	7%	19	573	8%	21	57

TABLE OF INTEREST RATES
 FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 – PRESENT
 NONCORPORATE OVERPAYMENTS AND UNDERPAYMENTS

		RATE	TABLE	PAGE	1995-1 C.B.
Jan. 1, 1999--Mar. 31, 1999	7%	19		573	
Apr. 1, 1999--Jun. 30, 1999	8%	21		575	
Jul. 1, 1999--Sep. 30, 1999	8%	21		575	
Oct. 1, 1999--Dec. 31, 1999	8%	21		575	
Jan. 1, 2000--Mar. 31, 2000	8%	69		623	
Apr. 1, 2000--Jun. 30, 2000	9%	71		625	
Jul. 1, 2000--Sep. 30, 2000	9%	71		625	
Oct. 1, 2000--Dec 31, 2000	9%	71		625	
Jan. 1, 2001--Mar. 31, 2001	9%	23		577	
Apr. 1, 2001--Jun. 30, 2001	8%	21		575	
Jul. 1, 2001--Sep. 30, 2001	7%	19		573	
Oct. 1, 2001--Dec. 31, 2001	7%	19		573	
Jan. 1, 2002--Mar. 31, 2002	6%	17		571	
Apr. 1, 2002--Jun. 30, 2002	6%	17		571	
Jul. 1, 2002—Sep. 30, 2002	6%	17		571	
Oct. 1, 2002—Dec. 31, 2002	6%	17		571	
Jan. 1, 2003—Mar. 31, 2003	5%	15		569	
Apr. 1, 2003—Jun. 30, 2003	5%	15	569		TABLE OF INTEREST RATES

FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 – PRESENT
 CORPORATE OVERPAYMENTS AND UNDERPAYMENTS

UNDERPAYMENTS	OVERPAYMENTS			
	1995-1 C.B.			
1995-1 C.B.	RATE	TABLE	PG RATE	
TABLE PG				
Jan. 1, 1999--Mar. 31, 1999	6%	17	571	7% 19 57
Apr. 1, 1999--Jun. 30, 1999	7%	19	573	8% 21 57

Jul. 1, 1999--Sep. 30, 1999	7%	19	573	8%	21	57
Oct. 1, 1999--Dec. 31, 1999	7%	19	573	8%	21	57
Jan. 1, 2000--Mar. 31, 2000	7%	67	621	8%	69	62
Apr. 1, 2000--Jun. 30, 2000	8%	69	623	9%	71	62
Jul. 1, 2000--Sep. 30, 2000	8%	69	623	9%	71	62
Oct. 1, 2000--Dec. 31, 2000	8%	69	623	9%	71	62
Jan. 1, 2001--Mar. 31, 2001	8%	21	575	9%	23	57
Apr. 1, 2001--Jun. 30, 2001	7%	19	573	8%	21	57
Jul. 1, 2001--Sep. 30, 2001	6%	17	571	7%	19	57
Oct. 1, 2001--Dec. 31, 2001	6%	17	571	7%	19	57
Jan. 1, 2002--Mar. 31, 2002	5%	15	569	6%	17	57
Apr. 1, 2002--Jun. 30, 2002	5%	15	569	6%	17	
571						
Jul. 1, 2002—Sep. 30, 2002	5%	15	569	6%	17	
571						
Oct. 1, 2002—Dec. 31, 2002	5%	15	569	6%	17	
571						
Jan. 1, 2003—Mar. 31, 2003	4%	13	567	5%	15	
569						
Apr. 1, 2003—Jun. 30, 2003	4%	13	567	5%	15	

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TABLE OF INTEREST RATES FOR
LARGE CORPORATE UNDERPAYMENTS

FROM JANUARY 1, 1991 – PRESENT

	RATE	1995-1 C.B. TABLE	PAGE
Jan. 1, 1991--Mar. 31, 1991	13%	31	585
Apr. 1, 1991--Jun. 30, 1991	12%	29	583
Jul. 1, 1991--Sep. 30, 1991	12%	29	583
Oct. 1, 1991--Dec. 31, 1991	12%	29	583
Jan. 1, 1992--Mar. 31, 1992	11%	75	629
Apr. 1, 1992--Jun. 30, 1992	10%	73	627
Jul. 1, 1992--Sep. 30, 1992	10%	73	627
Oct. 1, 1992--Dec. 31, 1992	9%	71	625
Jan. 1, 1993--Mar. 31, 1993	9%	23	577
Apr. 1, 1993--Jun. 30, 1993	9%	23	577
Jul. 1, 1993--Sep. 30, 1993	9%	23	577
Oct. 1, 1993--Dec. 31, 1993	9%	23	577
Jan. 1, 1994--Mar. 31, 1994	9%	23	577
Apr. 1, 1994--Jun. 30, 1994	9%	23	577
Jul. 1, 1994--Sep. 30, 1994	10%	25	579
Oct. 1, 1994--Dec. 31, 1994	11%	27	581

Jan. 1, 1995--Mar. 31, 1995	11%	27	581
Apr. 1, 1995--Jun. 30, 1995	12%	29	583
Jul. 1, 1995--Sep. 30, 1995	11%	27	581
Oct. 1, 1995--Dec. 31, 1995	11%	27	581
Jan. 1, 1996--Mar. 31, 1996	11%	75	629
Apr. 1, 1996--Jun. 30, 1996	10%	73	627
Jul. 1, 1996--Sep. 30, 1996	11%	75	629
Oct. 1, 1996--Dec. 31, 1996	11%	75	629
Jan. 1, 1997--Mar. 31, 1997	11%	27	581
Apr. 1, 1997--Jun. 30, 1997	11%	27	581
Jul. 1, 1997--Sep. 30, 1997	11%	27	581
Oct. 1, 1997--Dec. 31, 1997	11%	27	581
Jan. 1, 1998--Mar. 31, 1998	11%	27	581
Apr. 1, 1998--Jun. 30, 1998	10%	25	579
Jul. 1, 1998--Sep. 30, 1998	10%	25	579
Oct. 1, 1998--Dec. 31, 1998	10%	25	579
Jan. 1, 1999--Mar. 31, 1999	9%	23	577
Apr. 1, 1999--Jun. 30, 1999	10%	25	579
Jul. 1, 1999--Sep. 30, 1999	10%	25	579
Oct. 1, 1999--Dec. 31, 1999	10%	25	579
Jan. 1, 2000--Mar. 31, 2000	10%	73	627
Apr. 1, 2000--Jun. 30, 2000	11%	75	629
Jul. 1, 2000--Sep. 30, 2000	11%	75	629
Oct. 1, 2000--Dec. 31, 2000	11%	75	629
Jan. 1, 2001--Mar. 31, 2001	11%	27	581
Apr. 1, 2001--Jun. 30, 2001	10%	25	579
Jul. 1, 2001--Sep. 30, 2001	9%	23	577
Oct. 1, 2001--Dec. 31, 2001	9%	23	577
Jan. 1, 2002--Mar. 31, 2002	8%	21	575
Apr. 1, 2002--Jun. 30, 2002	8%	21	575
Jul. 1, 2002--Sep. 30, 2002	8%	21	575
Oct. 1, 2002--Dec. 31, 2002	8%	21	575
Jan. 1, 2003--Mar. 31, 2003	7%	19	573
Apr. 1, 2003--Jun. 30, 2003	7%	19	573

TABLE OF INTEREST RATES FOR CORPORATE
OVERPAYMENTS EXCEEDING \$10,000

FROM JANUARY 1, 1995 – PRESENT

	RATE	1995-1 C.B. TABLE	PAGE
Jan. 1, 1995--Mar. 31, 1995	6.5%	18	572
Apr. 1, 1995--Jun. 30, 1995	7.5%	20	574
Jul. 1, 1995--Sep. 30, 1995	6.5%	18	572
Oct. 1, 1995--Dec. 31, 1995	6.5%	18	572

Jan. 1, 1996--Mar. 31, 1996	6.5%	66	620
Apr. 1, 1996--Jun. 30, 1996	5.5%	64	618
Jul. 1, 1996--Sep. 30, 1996	6.5%	66	620
Oct. 1, 1996--Dec. 31, 1996	6.5%	66	620
Jan. 1, 1997--Mar. 31, 1997	6.5%	18	572
Apr. 1, 1997--Jun. 30, 1997	6.5%	18	572
Jul. 1, 1997--Sep. 30, 1997	6.5%	18	572
Oct. 1, 1997--Dec. 31, 1997	6.5%	18	572
Jan. 1, 1998--Mar. 31, 1998	6.5%	18	572
Apr. 1, 1998--Jun. 30, 1998	5.5%	16	570
Jul. 1, 1998--Sep. 30, 1998	5.5%	16	570
Oct. 1, 1998--Dec. 31, 1998	5.5%	16	570
Jan. 1, 1999--Mar. 31, 1999	4.5%	14	568
Apr. 1, 1999--Jun. 30, 1999	5.5%	16	570
Jul. 1, 1999--Sep. 30, 1999	5.5%	16	570
Oct. 1, 1999--Dec. 31, 1999	5.5%	16	570
Jan. 1, 2000--Mar. 31, 2000	5.5%	64	618
Apr. 1, 2000--Jun. 30, 2000	6.5%	66	620
Jul. 1, 2000--Sep. 30, 2000	6.5%	66	620
Oct. 1, 2000--Dec. 31, 2000	6.5%	66	620
Jan. 1, 2001--Mar. 31, 2001	6.5%	18	572
Apr. 1, 2001--Jun. 30, 2001	5.5%	16	570
Jul. 1, 2001--Sep. 30, 2001	4.5%	14	568
Oct. 1, 2001--Dec. 31, 2001	4.5%	14	568
Jan. 1, 2002--Mar. 31, 2002	3.5%	12	566
Apr. 1, 2002—Jun. 30, 2002	3.5%	12	566
Jul. 1, 2002—Sep. 30, 2002	3.5%	12	566
Oct. 1, 2002—Dec. 31, 2002	3.5%	12	566
Jan. 1, 2003—Mar. 31, 2003	2.5%	10	564
Apr. 1, 2003—Jun. 30, 2003	2.5%	10	564